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ABSTRACT

1. This report discusses the status of the 64th Army in the Shenyang Military Region, China, as of . It describes physical and functional changes to the facilities in addition to order-of-battle changes and fluctuations for the period . The functions and locations of these units were derived primarily from KEYHOLE imagery.

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2. (S/D) Infrequent coverage and low equipment counts during the reporting period precluded an accurate estimate of activity levels in this army. However, minor construction and some equipment up-grading was observed. Training facilities in the various installations appeared to be consistently active.

3. (U) This report contains three location maps, eight annotated photographs, one chart, and one table.

INTRODUCTION

4. The 64th Army¹⁻³ (Figure 1) is one of six main force armies in the Shenyang Military Region (MR), China, and has the same general organizational structure⁴ as ground forces throughout China—the rule of three. Each army usually has three divisions (usually numbered consecutively), each division usually has three regiments, and each regiment usually has three battalions. Other units subordinate to the army such as artillery, armor, antiaircraft artillery (AAA), and engineer units are not included in the rule of three although most have three operational battalions per regiment. Also, independent combat support divisions usually have three regiments.

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5. The 64th Army was originally the 4th Column, 2nd Army Group, North China People's Liberation Army. After the Chinese designated this unit the 64th Army in late 1948, it continued to participate in the fighting in the Beijing area. In February 1951, the 64th Army moved to the Liaoning Province of Shenyang and entered North Korea later that same month. After several campaigns, it returned to northeast China in July or August 1953. There have been several moves within Liaoning Province since that time, but the 64th Army has remained in the province since its return from Korea. Information from 1978 indicates that the commander of the army was Zhang Huairui, also the commander of the Luda Garrison Command.

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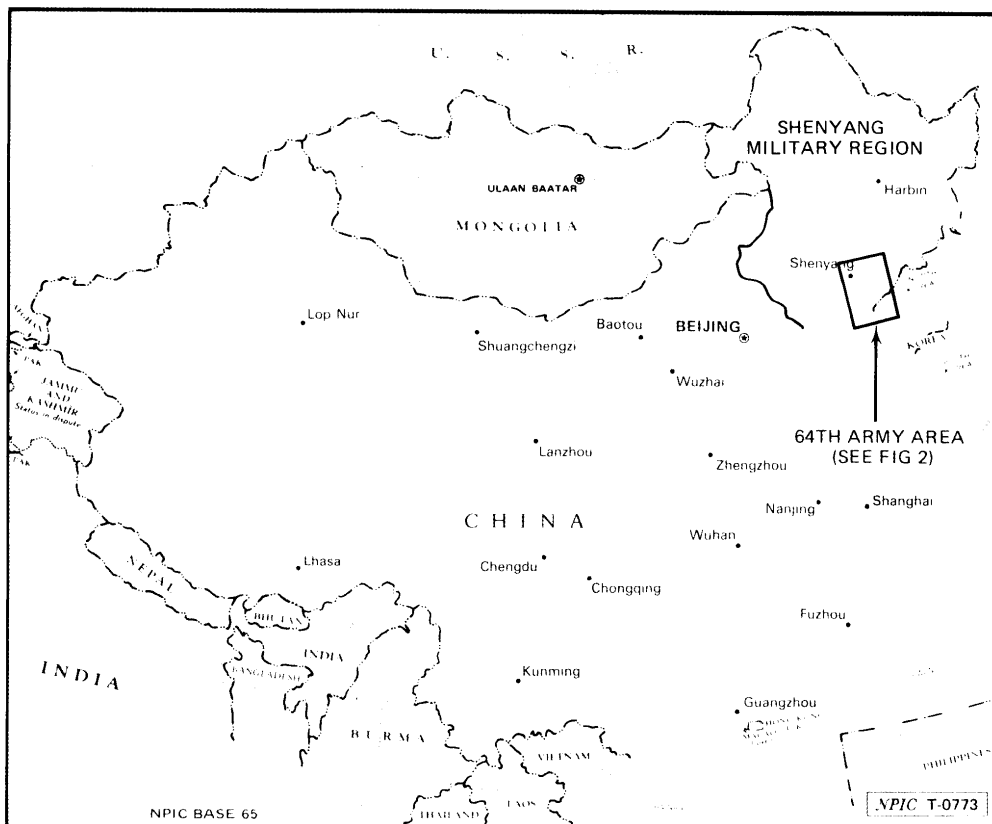


FIGURE 1 LOCATION OF 64TH ARMY IN SHENYANG MILITARY REGION, CHINA

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6. [] The 64th Army is the southeasternmost army in the military region and is near the Korean border (Figure 2). The headquarters and its subordinate units are housed in and around Benxixian (41-18N/124-07E). The three infantry divisions are along a rail line that runs south-southeast from Qiaotou (41-13N/12344E) through Fengcheng (40-27N/124-04E) to Dandong (40-07N/124-23E).

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7. [] As is true throughout China, each army, division, and regiment is slightly different in its structure and assigned equipment. Chart 1 presents a unit structure for the 64th Army Headquarters and its three subordinate infantry divisions based solely on photographic intelligence (photint) confirmation. Basic information on each installation of the army, derived from all-source information, and including name, BE number, coordinates, and the units assessed to be present are listed in Table 1.

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BASIC DESCRIPTION

8. [] The 64th Army (Figure 2) is comprised of the 64th Army Headquarters, the army-level support units, the 190th Infantry Division, the 191st Infantry Division, and the 192d Infantry Division. The army is situated along rail lines in southeastern Liaoning Province, Shenyang MR.

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64th Army Headquarters and Army-level Support Units

9. [] The 64th Army Headquarters and its support units, an engineer battalion, an AAA regiment, and an artillery regiment are in and around Benxixian. The headquarters for the Army is at Benxixian Headquarters Army Barracks AL-2 (Figure 3). This installation, as it is outlined in the interim NBRG,⁵ should be expanded to include the seven buildings in the area adjacent to the west end of area A1. An obstacle course indicates that this small area is probably part of the installation. The engineer battalion credited to this army was reportedly collocated with the headquarters at Benxixian Headquarters Army Barracks AL-2; however, no engineer equipment has been seen since 15 April 1974 nor has any been seen at a previously reported alternate location, area A1 of Benxi Army Barracks Southwest AL-1.

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10. (S/D) The army-level AAA regiment has previously been reported⁵ as part of Benxixian Army Barracks AL-3 [] which is physically within Benxixian Army Barracks AL-2. Because of the lack of military facilities in a large part of the area encompassed by Benxixian Army Barracks AL-2, its boundaries have been redefined to coincide with the boundaries of Barracks AL-3, resulting in the deletion of Barracks AL-3 as a designated target. No changes have been observed within the AAA regiment during the period of this report.

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11. (S/D) The army-level artillery regiment is at Benxi Army Barracks Southwest AL-1. No changes were observed at this facility.

190th Infantry Division

12. [] The 19th Infantry Division in the Qiaotou area consists of a division headquarters, a probable engineer battalion, an AAA regiment, three infantry regiments, an artillery regiment, and a possible armor regiment.

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13. [] The 190th Division Headquarters is at Qiaotou Headquarters Infantry Division and Army Barracks AL-1, along with its subordinate probable engineer battalion and the 569th Infantry Regiment. No major changes have occurred to any of these units/facilities during the reporting period. At the headquarters facility, however, the southern group of buildings in area A1 and the buildings in area C1 may be family housing because of their nonmilitary, cluttered appearance. No engineer equipment has been observed in the engineer battalion area since []

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14. [] The AAA regiment for the 19th Division was reportedly⁵ collocated with the division headquarters at Qiaotou Headquarters Infantry Division and Army Barracks AL-1. However, with the continued absence of AAA equipment at this facility, the AAA unit is probably not housed here. The unit is probably quartered at Qiaotou Army Barracks Southeast AL-2 where sufficient AAA has been observed to suggest the presence of the unit (Figure 4).

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15. [] The 568th Infantry Regiment with its three organic infantry battalions, a tank battalion, an antitank artillery battery, a mortar battery, and a motor transport company were reported⁵ to be housed at Pien-niu-pao-tzu Army Barracks and Division Headquarters AL-3 (Figure 5). One infantry battalion area and the motor transport company area were razed during the reporting period (in areas A4 and A8). New construction consisting of four barracks, one messhall, and one support building was observed adjacent to area A6. An armor unit appeared to be present although equipment observations have been few and infrequent. The antitank artillery battery and the mortar battery are still housed at AL-3.

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16. [] The 570th Infantry Regiment with its three organic infantry battalions and a tank battalion is housed at Tongyuantao Army Barracks AL-1. No significant changes were observed at the facilities housing these units during the period.

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17. [] The 470th Artillery Regiment of the 190th Division is housed at Lianshanguan Army Barracks Southeast AL-1. No apparent changes have occurred to this installation.

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18. [REDACTED] The 395th Tank Regiment was reportedly⁵ at Pien-niu-pao-tzu Army Barracks AL-2. During the reporting period, armor counts at this facility have consistently been low—ten or fewer armored vehicles. There has been no perceptible change to the installation.

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19. (S/D) A headquarters unit and a tank battalion were reported⁵ at Qiaotou Army Barracks West-northwest AL-3. However, because of the type of buildings observed, the headquarters appeared to be of regimental echelon. The installation is also armor associated, but the armored vehicle count at this facility has historically been less than ten. This installation may possibly house a headquarters for all armor units supporting this division. While individual tank units are operationally located with infantry regiments, they may be subordinate to a single divisional tank regiment headquarters at Qiaotou Army Barracks West-northwest AL-3.

191st Infantry Division

20. [REDACTED] The 191st Infantry Division in the Dandong area consists of a headquarters, three infantry regiments, an artillery regiment, and an AAA battalion. During the reporting period, no changes have been observed at the headquarters, the three infantry regiments, or the division AAA unit. The only apparent change within the 191st Division was seen in the 471st Artillery Regiment housed at Dandong/Shih-ying-chieh AL-2. As of [REDACTED] the unit appeared to have been upgraded from a regiment with a one gun battalion, one howitzer battalion, one mortar battalion, and one rocket launcher battalion to a regiment with one field gun battalion, two howitzer battalions, and the rocket launcher battalion.

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192d Infantry Division

21. [REDACTED] The 192d Infantry Division (Figure 6) consists of a division headquarters, three infantry regiments, and an AAA battalion. Although the interim NBRG⁵ reports the location of the 192d Division in Shanghekou/Kuantien area, [REDACTED] have confirmed the presence of the division in the Fengcheng area. The division headquarters and its subordinate AAA battalions are at Fengcheng Barracks Northwest and Infantry Division Headquarters AL-2 (Figure 7) where facilities similar to other PLA division headquarters areas (a headquarters-type building, an auditorium, and rear service support facilities) are present. The 574th, 575th, and 576th Infantry Regiments are at Hsueh-li-chan Army Barracks AL-1 (Figure 8), Kao-li-men Army Barracks Northeast AL-1 (Figure 9), and Fengcheng Army Barracks Southwest AL-1 (Figure 10), respectively. Each of these installations has a regimental headquarters area and three infantry battalions. Infantry training facilities were also observed at each of these installations. The 472d Artillery Regiment is housed at Fengcheng Army Barracks West AL-3 (Figure 11). Although equipment observations have been very low, artillery equipment has been identified at this installation, and sufficient equipment storage facilities exist to house a full regiment. Neither an engineer nor an armor unit have been identified with this division.

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22. [REDACTED] A division headquarters, an infantry regiment, and an AAA unit were identified⁵ at Shanghekou Army Barracks North-northwest AL-1. Analysis of the headquarters facilities indicates that they were not as extensive as normal main force quarters facilities. Recent activity which began between [REDACTED] at Shanghekou AL-1 indicated that a larger division headquarters facility was under construction; however, these new facilities are probably for the local force units identified by sigint. Further, there is no evidence to associate the Shanghekou installation with infantry. No infantry training or training facilities have been identified in or adjacent to Shanghekou AL-1. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The AAA unit at Shanghekou AL-1 may actually be a regiment rather than a battalion based upon recent equipment observations.

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23. (S/D) An infantry regiment was reported⁵ at Yung-tien-cheng Army Barracks AL-1 [REDACTED] and is actually present. However, since there is no indication of a main force division, this unit is probably associated with a garrison division. This facility may also house a unit of mortars or 107mm multiple-rocket launchers. No changes have been observed at this installation.

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24. (S/D) The facility identified as Kuantien Army Barracks North AL-1 [REDACTED] and as housing an infantry regiment⁵ is probably not military related. There is no evidence of infantry training in or adjacent to the installation.

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25. (S/D) An artillery regiment has been reported⁵ at Kuantien Army Barracks and Storage South (BE [REDACTED]) The only recorded order of battle was one possible field artillery piece observed on [REDACTED] There is no other indication that this facility ever housed an artillery unit. This location has no confirmed vehicle/equipment storage nor are there any artillery training areas within or adjacent to this facility. The type and appearance of the buildings suggest a civilian or support function. Current construction indicates that this may be a maintenance facility.

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26. (S/D) The engineer battalion reported in the interim NBRG⁵ at Shanghekou Barracks Area is probably main force since there has been no evidence that garrison units have associated bridging equipment. This engineer unit may be associated with the independent engineer regiment at Dandong. No change has been noted at this facility.

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Table 1.
64th Army Units as Derived From All-Source Information

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Unit		Installation	BE No	Coordinates	Remarks	Unit		Installation	BE No	Coordinates	Remarks	
64th Army Hqs and Army-Level Support Units						191st Infantry Division						
64th Army Hq	Benxian Hq Army Bks AL-2			41-17-03N	Engr equipment has not been observed since []	191st Inf Div Hq	Dandong Hq Inf Div & Army Bks AL-1			40-04-20N		
Engr Bn				124-08-43E		AAA Bn	Yung-an-pei-tun Army Bks NE AL-1			124-18-48E		
AAA Regt						571st Inf Regt	Dandong Army Bks N AL-3			39-59-12N		
167th Arty Regt	Benxi Army Bks SW AL-1			41-14-19N						124-14-22E		
				120-42-37E						40-11-08N		
190th Infantry Division						192d Infantry Division						
190th Inf Div Hq	Qiaotou Hq Inf Div & Army Bks AL-1			41-11-36N	Engr equipment has not been observed since Oct 75	192d Inf Div Hq	Fengcheng Bks NW & Inf Div Hq AL-2			40-28-04N		
Engr Bn				123-42-37E		AAA Bn				124-01-32E		
AAA Regt	Qiaotou Army Bks SE AL-2			41-12-04N		574th Inf Regt	Hsueh-li-chan Army Bks AL-1			40-33-27N		
				123-43-52E						123-57-01E		
568th Inf Regt	Pien-niu-pao-tzu Ar Bks & Div Hq AL-3			41-31-28N	This installation has a tk bn, an atk bty, & a mort bty	575th Inf Regt	Kao-li-men Army Bks NE AL-1			40-21-52N		
				123-45-19E		576th Inf Regt	Fengcheng Army Bks SW AL-4			124-08-09E		
										40-23-20N		
569th Inf Regt	Qiaotou Hq Inf Div & Army Bks AL-1			41-11-36N		472d Arty Regt	Fengcheng Army Bks W AL-3			124-00-42E		
570th Inf Regt	Tungyuanbao Army Bks AL-1			123-42-37E	Poss tk bn is also housed at this installation					40-27-55N	6 how, []	
470th Arty Regt	Lianshanguan Army Bks SE AL-1			40-47-58N						123-57-43E		
				123-55-32E								
470th Arty Regt	Lianshanguan Army Bks SE AL-1			40-55-43N								
395th Tank Regt	Pien-niu-pao-tzu Army Bks AL-2			123-45-54E								
				41-34-23N	This installation may be hq for all tk units in div							
				123-45-54E								
				123-40-17E								
Tank Unit	Qiaotou Army Bks WNW AL-3			41-12-45N								
				123-40-17E								

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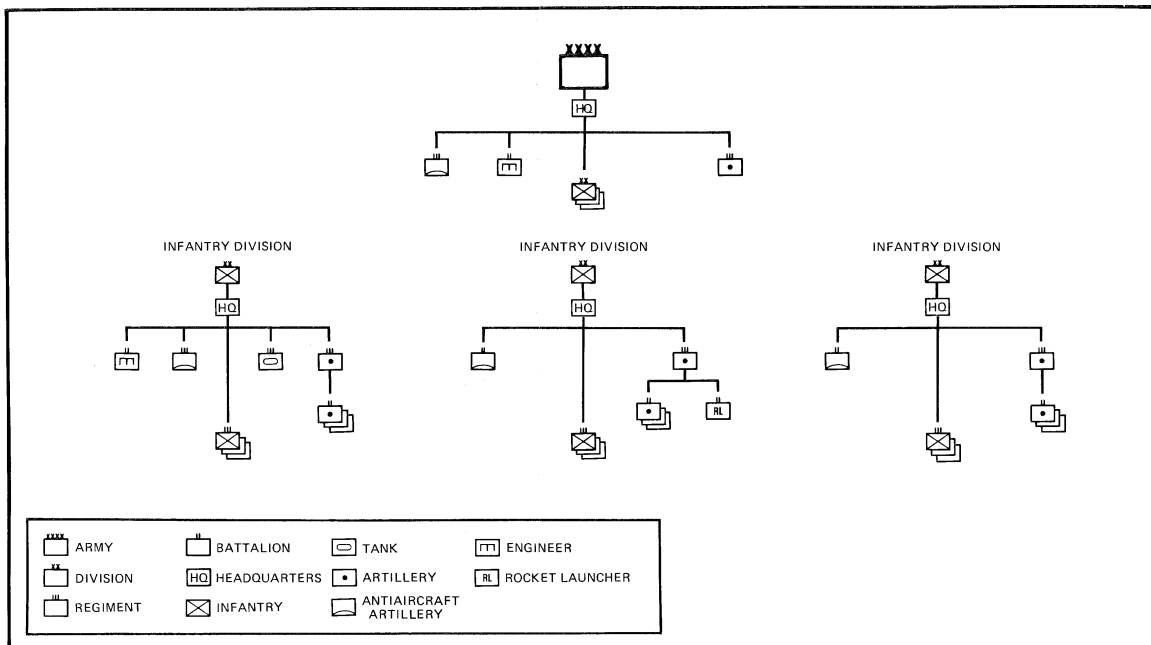


CHART 1. UNIT STRUCTURE FOR THE 64TH ARMY, SHENYANG MILITARY REGION

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28. (S/D) A tank unit of unknown subordination is reportedly⁵ at Kuantien Army Barracks Southeast AL-2 [REDACTED]. The armor unit here consists of a battalion of tanks and a battalion of armored personnel carriers. The total number of armored vehicles observed here has never exceeded the number of armored vehicles usually seen in a tank/assault gun regiment. However, tracked vehicle storage sheds are under construction. Additional evidence will be required before a full tank regiment can be confirmed at this installation although the appearance of the facilities and the types of buildings suggest a unit of regimental echelon.

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